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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: TAKAHASHI, et al  
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Group: 2761  
Examiner: G. Morgan

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 2, 2000

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted prior to the Rule 53(b) Continuation Application filed on even date.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert before the first line of the specification the following:

-- This is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/050,064, filed March 30, 1998. --

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 3, line 10, delete "side" insert --site--.

Page 10, line <sup>21</sup>22, delete "(RAS)" insert --RSA--.

Page 19, line 10, delete "hieivachically" insert --hierarchically--.

Page 21, line <sup>24</sup>25, delete "also possible" insert --also be possible--.